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Letter To The Editors

1203 Dandridge Drive
Lynchburg, Virginia 24501
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To The Editor
Appomattox Times Virginian
507 Court Street
Appomattox, Virginia

Dear Sir,
Congratulations to all Senior Citizens in Lynchburg, Bedford City and the Counties of Campbell, Appomattox and Amherst, on the approval of a Gerontolohy program, by your City Councilmen and Board of Supervisors. It is heart warming to know you have leaders, head of your local Government who have taken the interest and time to consider and approve a program for Senior Citizens.

To the Senior Citizens of Bedford County, I can only offer you my deepest sympathy. Our Board of Supervisors in Bedford County had the same opportunity to approve the Gerontology program for us, but turned it down . . . My good neighbors in Bedford County, when you read or hear about Senior Citizens programs in Lynchburg, Bedford City and surrounding Counties, remember our Board of Supervisors turned down a golden opportunity for its Senior Citizens. This is the reason we do not have such a program. Let each of us not forget this in 1975, when the next election is due in Bedford County and vote to put some new blood in our Board of Supervisors.

Thank you,
(Mrs.) Thelma H. Woodruff
1203 Dandridge Drive
Lynchburg, Virginia

County Woman Attends Boule

Representing Gamma Iota Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., at its forty-sixth Boule were three area members: Sorors Elizabeth Jordan, Appomattox, Nancy Meadows, Lynchburg, and Letha Mayfield, Farmville.

This governing body of the organization, which convenes every two years, had as its theme **Black Economic Development: Alpha Kappa Alpha's Commitment.** With such a theme it was quite apropos to have as main speakers two men who represent well the desirable means of building successful, productive lines: Mr. John H. Johnson, President Johnson Publishing Co. (Ebony, etc.) and Mr. George E. Johnson, President, Johnson Products Co. (Ultra Sheen, etc.)

Although unrelated, both men started life in the same manner with small amounts of borrowed capital, they have built their modestly begun businesses into multi-million dollar enterprises, and today work constantly for the general uplift of mankind. Each speaker stressed the importance of securing a good education, working hard at whatever one does, developing economic and political power, and nurturing integrity as an important character trait. These traits, emphasized the speakers will lead one to become involved with the common problems of man and find for himself a place in the mainstream of American life.

2500 delegates and members were registered at the fabulous Fontainebleau Hotel, Miami Beach, Florida, where all sorority activities were held. In spite of a full schedule of workshops and business meetings, there was still time for tours, beach parties, and other social activities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the oldest Greek letter organization for Negro Women, was organized at Howard University in 1908, and now has a membership of more than sixty thousand with chapters throughout the U.S., in Liberia, and in the Bahamas.

The 1976 meeting is slated to be held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Marshall-Caldwell Reunion

Members of the Marshall and Caldwell families will hold a reunion September 1 at 12:30 p.m. at the Woodmen of the World Building in Appomattox.

Ham beef will be provided and all those attending should bring a picnic lunch.

The Pastor Speaks

WHAT COULD I DO

1. If I wanted to, I could help make this church the most wide awake and working church in all the world.
2. If I wanted to, I could visit members who are sick and possibly find other ways of helping them.
3. If I wanted to, I could attend church school classes regularly and encourage others to attend.
4. If I wanted to, I could show more devotion in worship services and receive much more good from them myself.
5. If I wanted to, I could profit more from the sermon by not resenting the truth when it reveals some of my weaknesses.
6. If I wanted to, I could tell others about Christ and His church and lead them to salvation – at least my actions could always speak for Him!
7. If I wanted to, I could use my efforts to help promote the greatest possible harmony in the church.
8. If I wanted to, I could give back to the Lord each Lord's Day as I have been prospered thereby helping to spread the gospel of Christ into all the world.

Of course this all depends on what I want to do about it. I have the ability to be an honored servant of the Greatest of all Kings, but the question is "What do I really want to do?"

Copied
The Rev. Henry E. Riley, Jr.,
Pastor, Memorial United Methodist Church

Dickerson Reunion

The family of the late B. D. Dickerson will have the annual reunion on Sunday, September 1, at the Evergreen Community Center. Friends and relatives of the family are invited to attend and bring a picnic lunch.

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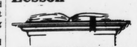
The Sunday School Lesson



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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, August 25, 1974.

Topic: Personal Relationships in Christ.

Scripture: Colossians 3: 1-4:6.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holdy and beloved, compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, and patience, forbearing one another . . . Colossians 3: 12-13.

Since Paul was undertaking to correct some erroneous ideas being promulgated in the church at Colossae in his letter to the Christians there, it is to be expected that the apostle deal with theological matters. This he does, in his emphasis on the primacy of Jesus Christ and on the freedom the believer has in Him.

For Paul, however, the Christian life is not only faith but also practice. Consequently he includes in the Letter to the Colossians instructions on how believers are to live, both in the general tenor of their lives and inspecific relationships with one another. That the theological concepts Paul expounded are vital to the Christian faith whatever the age we have seen in the two previous International Sunday School lessons based on this epistle. In this week's lesson we find the practical instruction for living similarly pertinent and relevant for the believer no matter what the era.

The Christian profession requires a change in attitude and in consequence a change in conduct from the selfish attitude and conduct of the former life. As Paul sees it, the believer lives a resurrected life: he has died to his old life a life of the flesh; he has been raised to a new life with Christ through His resurrection. Now identified with Christ, the believer should put on the characteristics of Christ for living the new life. But he does not put these new characteristics on over the old, as he might put on new outer clothes over old undergarments. He puts off the characteristics associated with the freshly, earthy existence. In putting them off, he should put them to death.

The characteristics of the fleshly, earthy nature bring the wrath of God, the divine judgment in the sense of penalty and punishment. The characteristics of the old nature which Paul lists creates trouble in the world. Even as a person indulges in them to gratify his own desires, they bring problems and troubles. These characteristics enslave a person, although indulgence gives the impression that the person who demonstrates them is his own master. What makes this deceptive is that the self becomes master of the individual, slavery to self is a hard and harsh bondage.

The characteristics of the new nature are those demonstrated by Christ: compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forbearance, forgiveness, love, peace, thankfulness. In these the self is subordinated to concern for others. With them the self does not dominate the individual, but the individual lives in the world outside the self and thereby becomes truly free. The word of Christ is to become part and parcel of his very existence.

In the specific relationships among individuals with which Paul deals there is a reciprocity which puts the other first. "Wives be subject to your husbands" is countered with "Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them." "Children, obey your parents" has the concomitant instruction, "Fathers, do no provoke your children." Slaves, obey your earthly masters" has the reciprocal "Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly."

Here we have a guideline for specific relationships, in the family and in one's work, proper for Christians. No one is to take advantage of his position in dealing with another. The instructions to masters and slaves are relevant to today's employers and employees. For the Christian employee, "Whatever your task, work heartily, as serving the Lord and not men" sets a desirable standard. For the Christian employer, "Treat your employees justly and fairly" remains the desirable criterion.

While we see the spiritual in Paul's advice about personal relationships, we may also recognize that this advice is intensely practical. Where it is practiced, it works to the mutual advantage of those involved, both in day to day living and working together and in spiritual growth.

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Puritan Pulpit

"Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed and walk"
John 5:8

Like many others, the impotent man had been waiting a wonder to be wrought, and a sign to be given. Weary of watch the pool, but no angel came, or came not for him thinking it to be his only chance, he waited still, and h that there was One near him whose word could heal him moment. Many are in the same plight: they are waiti some singular emotion, remarkable impression, or co vision; they wait in vain and watch for nothing. Even w that, in a few cases, remarkable signs are seen, yet th rare, and no man has a right to look for them in his own ca man especially who feels his impotency to avail himself moving of the water even if it came.

It is a very sad reflection that tens of thousands a waiting in the use of means, and ordinances, and ver resolutions, and have so waited in vain, utterly in Meanwhile these poor souls forget the present Savior, wh them look unto Him and be saved. He could heal them a but they prefer to wait for an angel and a wonder. To trus is the sure way to every blessing, and He is worthy of the implicit confidence; but unbelief makes them prefer th porches of Bethesda to the warm bosom of His love. Oh th Lord may turn His eye upon the multitudes who are i case; may He forgive the slights which they put upon His power, and call them by that sweet constraining voice, from the bed of despair, and in the energy of faith take up bed and walk. Oh Lord may those in need look and live.

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...Edna Lemon was a ...guest of Mrs. C. R. ...Sunday night. Mrs. ...visited Mrs. Banton ...

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...and Mrs. Dan Jennings ...Lynchburg and Mrs. ...ughter of Livingston ...and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. ...family.

...and E. E. Wingfield and ...and Baby called in the ...and Mrs. George ...and family and Mr. ...R.F.D. Slagle Saturday ...

...and H. Watson Jr. of ...ent Sunday night ...ests Mr. and Mrs. ...Guest Sunday ...with this home were ...C. Nichols, Mr. and ...Sheriff of Halifax and ...the home of South ...

...and Mrs. C. R. Banton ...Vernon were Mrs. ...and Mrs. Thelma ...and Mrs. Shirley Casey ...

...and Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. ...Wood and Mrs. Bill ...were in the home of ...and Baby Sunday ...

...and Mrs. L. L. Webb ...and their daughter, ...Kirby Wednesday ...for lunch at Holiday ...Those attending were ...and Mrs. Lawrence ...of Lynchburg, Mr. ...Brett Sheets, Mrs. ...Harris and son Bruce, ...Webb, Mr. Monroe ...and Odelle Webb, Mr. ...and Mrs. L. L. Webb and Joyce.

Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Jacoho and family of Roanoke spent the night last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman.

Those calling in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Watson and family Saturday night were the W. H. Wingfields, the Kenneth Deaners, the Thomas Woodalls, and Mrs. Mary Bagby. The occasion was Mrs. Watson's birthday.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jenkins Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Keys. Mrs. Willie Craft and daughter and Mrs. Marshall Goin and children.

Mr. James A. Woodall Jr. of Richmond and Miss Charlotte Evelyn of Ken, Virginia were married Saturday afternoon at Kent, Virginia. Those attending from Spout Spring, Lynchburg and Farmville were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodall Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Woodall, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Hubbard and Mr. and Milton Hubbard and Mr. and Mrs. David Woodall.

Visiting Rev. and Mrs. Otis Smith Sunday were Rev. Smiths sisters Mrs. Belna Markham and friend Mrs.Bass of South Boston and Mrs. Hildred George of New Port News.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and daughter and Mrs. Mary Bagby were dinner guest Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family.

We are happy to know Mr. George Jennings, Mr. David Repass and Mr. Dan Woolridge are all improving.

Visiting Mrs. Mary Bagby last week were Mr. Howard and Elmo Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodall Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Woodall and Lisa, Mr. and Mrs. James Maxwell, Mrs. Bill Watson and William and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and Julia.

Jordan News

Baptizing services will be held at Black Foot Creek on Sunday morning August 25th. Following baptizing our regular worship service will begin at 11 a.m. We will also have the Lord's Supper and extend the Right Hand of Fellowship to our new converts.

On Sunday night at 7:00 the Rev. Jack Wilson of First St. Paul and the Canoe Baptist Church Junior Choir will be the guest on the Sunday School anniversary.

On the 1st Sunday night in September at 8:00 Rev. Winston R. Jones and his Junior Choir from First Baptist, South Lynchburg will be the guest of the Jordan Junior Choir when they celebrate their anniversary.

Church meeting will be held Sat., Aug. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

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